



DIFFERENT KIND OF WORK: With union workers striking Bell Telephone system, Allen Sales, normally a business office representative, wears faintly puzzled expression in first few hours of taking over unfamiliar job of long distance operator in Benton Harbor exchange. He's substituting for switchboard girl who takes care of calls that require "operator handling." Direct dialing of most long distance calls goes on as usual. (Staff photo by Wesley Stafford)

Service A Bit Slower

Little Effect Seen In Telephone Strike

By THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Effects on telephone service were minimal today as a strike by some 400,000 members of the A.F.L.-C.I.O. Communications Workers of America against the

highly automated Bell System entered its second day. "If my wife wants me, just tell her to dial 0," one Southern Bell executive told his staff as he and thousands of other man-

agement personnel took over the striker's jobs after the 6 a.m. walkout Wednesday.

CALLS GO THROUGH

Direct-dialed calls generally went through normally but both sides agreed that in a matter of time service would begin to deteriorate. Repairs and installations were slowed or halted in the strike-affected area.

In Michigan, the strike is not yet having an appreciable effect on phone service, a Michigan Bell Telephone Co. spokesman said Wednesday.

Benton Harbor district manager Harvey Dams said the first day of the strike "was a little difficult" for supervisory personnel who stepped in to take over duties of the strikers. "But we're getting along very well now."

An oldtimer at the local telephone office told Dams the first day of this strike went much more smoothly than did previous strike situations.

Supervisory personnel are working at least 10 hour shifts doing their regular jobs and serving slints at the switchboards. Dams asked that telephone users try to limit their calls which require an operator's assistance, otherwise, "they

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DOG GONE: Sydney, Ohio has a new \$35,000 dog pound and its most unique feature is pictured here—a night depository for pooches. It is demonstrated here by Warden Ralph Swob. It opens to a cage where the dogs wait until the pound staff arrives for work. Swob says as many as 30 or 40 dogs have been dropped off in one night. "I think folks are leaving us their neighbors' dogs," he smiled. "But that's OK, we're giving them back to their owners. (AP Wirephoto)

Includes Drinking

Michigan's 18-Year-Olds Get Full Adult Rights

LANSING, Mich. (AP) — Michigan 18-year-olds will become adults next Jan. 1, with the legal rights to drink, gamble, sue and enjoy all other privileges and responsibilities of those over 21.

That became a certainty Wednesday with the resounding 32-4 Senate vote on the so-called Age of Majority bill, long stalled after its passage in the House two months ago. Gov. William Milliken immediately congratulated the legislature and said he expected to sign the bill "in short order."

SOLIDLY ENDORSED

Milliken and other top state officials had solidly endorsed full adulthood for persons ages 18-20, action taken in at least one other state. Vermont approved an 18-year-old age of majority earlier this year. Lawmakers in both the Michigan House and Senate had tried unsuccessfully to delete drinking rights from the bill. In the House, efforts also were made to withhold gambling provisions.

But substantial majorities supported the full adulthood package in each chamber.

Eighteen-year-olds recently won the right to vote in all elections when 39 state legislatures—including Michigan's—ratified a congressional amendment to the U. S. Constitution.

The Senate vote for the adulthood bill came after long and emotional debate that centered on the drinking question.

Sen. Donald Bishop, R-Rochester, cited studies indicating young people were involved in more traffic accidents after the age of 18—when they begin to drive—and after 21—when they begin to drink legally.

If those two beginnings were brought closer together by lowering the legal drinking age, he said, the tendency would be toward an increase in traffic problems for the younger age group.

But colleagues, both Republican and Democratic, argued against his position and succeeded in rejecting an amendment aimed at retaining the 21-year-old drinking age.

'NOT TRAILBLAZING'

Sen. William Ballenger, R-Ovid, said it would be "unjust, hypocritical, reprehensible and assinine" to grant 18-year-olds all rights but drinking. And, he argued, "we're not trailblazing." At least 12 other states and the District of Columbia allow some drinking under age 21.

Sen. Jack Faxon, D-Detroit, said it would be "unrealistic to think that not changing the law will make one iota of difference for the young people of the state."

"Let's get the police officers away from looking for beer cans (from those under 21) and get them out looking for crime," he urged.

The Senate also defeated an amendment proposed by Sen. Alvin DeGraw, R-Pigeon, that would have authorized the lower drinking age for a three-year-trial period.

Senate Appropriations Chairman Charles O. Zollar, R-

Benton Harbor, was one of the few lawmakers speaking to other sections of the bill.

ISSUES WARNING

Zollar called the drinking question "moot" but warned 18-year-olds of the fiscal implications of their soon-to-be-

attained majority.

"I hope we as adults would inform young people of the consequences of hasty judgments in the fiscal area that they will spend a lifetime regretting," he said.

Zollar contended the legisla-

ture was "turning them loose in a world that is based on what one man can take from another." He suggested that some young people who could afford a middle-priced car, for instance, might be talked into purchasing a \$6,000-\$7,000

model, or a home outside their price range.

Besides allowing drinking and betting at 18, the Age of Majority bill authorizes young people to: make wills, enter

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WEARS HIS HEART ON HIS SLEEVE: David McNeil, 15, son of Mr. and Mrs. Terrence McNeil, 1210 Napier avenue, St. Joseph, a sophomore at St. Joseph high school, wants to become a police officer. His hobby is collecting police department shoulder patches and in the year and a half he has been writing to departments all over the world.

he has gathered 81. Some come from as far away as Tokyo and Canada. (Royal Canadian Mounted Police) and some as close as Twin City area departments. His display is on exhibit in the St. Joseph police department. Dave's father is a captain in the St. Joseph fire department. (Staff photo by Dick Derrick)

No-Fault Divorce Law Now In Milliken's Lap

LANSING, Mich. (AP) — Michigan would have a no-fault divorce law, eliminating the adversary grounds for ending a marriage, if Gov. William Milliken approves a bill being prepared for his signature.

The Senate cleared the way for action by the governor Wednesday when it accepted some House amendments to the bill.

Backers of the no-fault concept, in operation in various forms in Texas, California and Iowa, contend it would remove "perjury and extortion" from

the state's divorce courts. Opponents say it would make divorces too easy to come by and could prove harmful to children.

In a traditional last-minute gut of action late Wednesday, the Senate also passed:

—A House-approved bill requiring employers to provide equal pay for equal work without discrimination based on sex.

—A measure authorizing juvenile courts to take jurisdiction in cases involving the emotional well-being of a child. The bill goes to the House for further action.

—Legislation to allow grandparents to seek court orders requiring their visitation rights to grandchildren. It was returned to the House for concurrence in

amendments.

The no-fault divorce bill had passed both houses earlier this session. But the House sought to authorize couples involved in divorce actions to revise their cases and claim no-fault

grounds next Jan. 1, the proposed starting date of the new law.

The Senate said that should be the case only if both parties

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Fruit Growers Plead Guilty

Two more Berrien county growers were arrested Wednesday on warrants issued on complaint of the Michigan Department of Health for operating agriculture labor camps without a license.

Kenneth V. Stover, 60, prominent Berrien Springs grower, and John Ashman, Sodus township grower both pleaded guilty in Fifth district court Wednesday and were released on personal recognizance by Judge John Hammond pending a pre-sentence investigation.

Stover, who was originally denied a license, was given 10 days by the prosecutor's office to comply with the law, but failed to do so, according to Richard Ives, acting head of the Berrien County Health Department's environmental division. Ives said at the time the warrant was issued there were five adults and five children living in Stover's camp. State law requires that if five or more persons are living in a camp a license from the health department is needed.

Ashman did not file an application for a license, according to Ives, who said that at the time the warrant was issued 11 persons were living in his camp.

Since July 6, when a crackdown on unlicensed camps began, a total of five Berrien county growers have been charged with operating agriculture labor camps without a license, Ives said.

Now 18 Year-Olds Can Bet At Horse Tracks

LANSING, Mich. (AP) — A roundup of items covered by Michigan's new Age of Majority legislation, dropping the age of adulthood from 21 to 18, includes such diverse areas as gambling and operating "soft drink emporiums." When Gov. William Milliken signs the bill and it takes effect Jan. 1, 1972, 18-year-olds will be able to:

- Operate billiard rooms, dance halls, bowling alleys or soft-drink emporiums.
- Serve as notaries public.
- Have land sold for delinquent taxes without appointment of a guardian.
- Drive school buses.
- Voluntarily commit themselves to mental institutions.
- Be eligible for general welfare relief including medical care.

- Bet at horse races.
- Buy alcoholic beverages.
- Claim workmen's compensation without a guardian.
- Buy and possess cigarettes.
- Attend preliminary examinations in courts.
- Use and possess BB handguns without being accompanied by a person over 21.
- Make wills and legal contracts.

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Editorial Page

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Overloading The City's Parks

Eight years ago the St. Joseph city commission installed a residential preference for the two municipal beaches and Riverview Park.

Outsiders arriving in the early morning hours, particularly on Sundays, were pre-empting the limited picnic tables and grills at Lions Beach and Riverview.

Since locally levied taxes maintained the parks, the city fathers were hearing widespread complaints about local residents paying for outsiders' leisure.

The commission set a fee schedule for nonresidents.

The outsider can obtain a seasonal sticker at \$5 for his automobile, or pay a daily admission charge on Saturdays, Sundays and holidays at the rate of \$1 per automobile, or \$1 on a bus or truck plus 50 cents per passenger beyond the sixth occupant.

One-time fees are charged for organized parties, resident and non-resident alike, completely taking over Riverview's special facilities. They are \$100 for the open air shelter, \$30 for the lodge, and \$10 each for two groves.

Comments dropped at Monday night's commission meeting confirm a growing feeling that the 1963 plan requires modification.

The parks' usage and maintenance costs are outpacing present methods to operate them.

The litter from a weekend visitation in Riverview creates a full time cleanup job and if complaints aired by Commissioner Tobias are accurate, the local parks are near the policing problem besetting public parks in most other sections of the country.

Although city hall does not maintain an exact cost account-

ing on each park, Riverview's operation shows some interesting figures.

Last year it took in \$4,740 in fees, divided \$2637 to week-end single admissions and \$2,103 in facility rentals.

The city assigns two full time men for maintenance work and shifts additional personnel to help in the cleanup work.

A corporation engaging the site for an employees' picnic will send in its own crews to assist in the cleanup and also pay a charge for the extra municipal crew. This is the exception to the rule that the city's till bears the brunt of the de-littering operation.

Wages, materials and other expenses in maintaining Riverview probably take nearly \$30,000 of the \$125,000 city hall budgets annually for all parks.

How much Riverview's operating cost would drop if it were closed entirely to outsiders would be strictly guesswork, but it is clear the gap between revenue and expense should be narrowed.

It would be wrong to raise the seasonal sticker fee and facility rentals already committed at this time, but the single admissions can be boosted immediately to a level which can be made uniform for next season.

Mayor Ehrenberg tossed out the thought at the Monday meeting of outright closing the parks to nonresidents.

This was in the commission's thinking eight years ago and then watered down to the fee system.

Outright exclusion is a drastic measure and it would be better to hold it in reserve should a more realistic fee schedule fail to meet the difficulty.

Focus On Suez

Washington's decision to engage more actively in diplomatic efforts to break the Middle East impasse could provide the initiative needed for the resumption of talks between Israel and Egypt.

Starting the latest U. S. campaign was the visit of CIA Director Richard Helms to Israel to talk with that country's leaders. This has been followed by a diplomatic mission to Cairo, and the flight of U.S. Ambassador to the UN George Bush to Sweden to fill in Gunnar Jarring, UN Middle East peace envoy.

No specific proposals from the U. S. have been released, but it is

known reopening of the Suez Canal is an objective of the current diplomatic maneuvers. The canal is an excellent point for discussion for several reasons.

It is the main line of demarcation between the opposing forces. Control of the canal and who is to use it for what purposes are issues behind some of the sharpest disagreements. And the prolonged shutdown of the canal has hurt the entire region economically.

If agreement can be reached on Suez, the remaining differences may not appear so formidable.

Handbills Betray

When you are going away for a holiday the police will be very cooperative about the house you leave behind. Just in case some disreputable individual has designs on your silverware, it's best to disguise the fact the place has been temporarily vacated.

The officers will tell you about the sort of thing that gives you away. Don't let the newspapers collect in front of the house, or milk bottles in the back. The police will advise about drawing or not drawing drapes, whether lights should be left on or not.

It's comforting to know that they will keep an eye on your little castle. They will remind you, too, to let them know when you get back, so they can call the watch off, and won't be investigating you when you move in again.

After that, what happens? The

boys with the handbills don't know you're gone. So they deliver the announcements about all sorts of things. They stick them in the screen door; they leave them on the veranda where they blow to the lawn. They squeeze them in between the knob and the door frame.

When the first ones have turned yellow and the neighbors and the passersby and the whole city are informed of your absence, other handbills are delivered and cached in still vacant parts of the screen door. One might think they would know when one yellow or soggy paper has been left, a fresh one is not likely to be read.

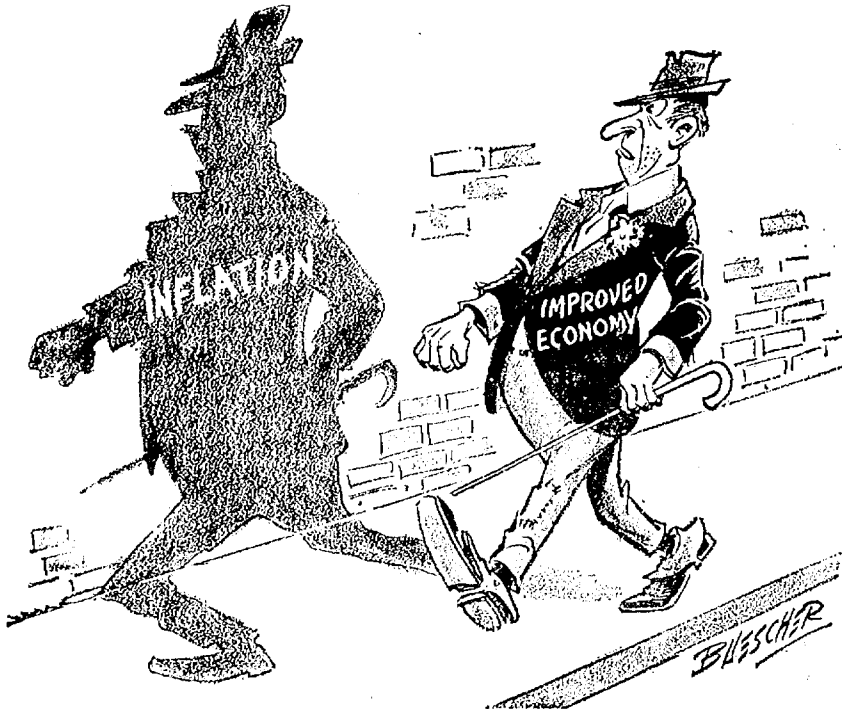
Housebreakers are not fooled by well laid schemes of citizens and policemen. If there's an accumulation of handbills around the front door, the people are away.

What Books Cost

Most books sell for \$8 or so if they have just been published and have hard covers and fancy dust jackets. Later on, they are priced at a dollar or two on those paperback racks that one finds in almost every corner store.

Time was when books weren't so expensive. "Gone With the Wind" when it was published back in the 1930s cost only \$3, and it had almost 1,000 pages. Today a book of similar weight would sell for at least \$12.50, probably more. That's what happens when a spiraling economy interferes with production costs.

Lingering Shadow



GLANCING BACKWARDS

UCF NAMES PROM COMMITTEE

—1 Year Ago—

A volunteer committee has been named to handle public relations and training for the 1970 United Community Fund campaign.

Robert Wall, corporate program coordinator of management development for Whirlpool Corp., was previously announced as UCF vice chairman for public relations and training.

CANOE TRIP ENDS IN SJ

—10 Years Ago—

Two youths arrived in St. Joseph yesterday after traveling the St. Joseph river from Goshen, Ind. Dennis Reed and Terry E.monds, both of Goshen, said the trip to St. Joseph took about 10 days. They said the river gets cleaner as one approaches St. Joseph.

DAYLIGHT TIME ASKED BY PDR
—40 Years Ago—
President Roosevelt asked

congress today for legislation to provide Daylight Saving Time "upon such a region or national basis, and for such part, or all, of the year, as he might deem necessary in the interest of our national defense."

In a communication to the house, the chief executive said the conservation of electrical energy was essential to the national defense program and that extension of Daylight Saving Time was necessary now.

NEW CHAPTER

—10 Years Ago—

A twin city chapter of Epsilon Sigma Alpha, a national educational sorority devoted to cultural development of the business woman is being organized here by Mrs. J. H. Bickford of South Bend.

CONTRACT AWARDED

—50 Years Ago—

The contract for repairing the Washington school building on Main street has been awarded. The improvements will cost about \$2,000.

NIGHTLY SHOW

—60 Years Ago—

Starting Monday and every night thereafter four Peerless photoplays will be shown each night at the Airdome theatre. All seats are 5 cents.

EDITOR'S MAILBAG

Editor,
The Herald-Press.

THE WORLD NEEDS MUSIC

Do you hear the rhythm in the beating of the drums?
Or is it just a noise to you,
Just a blast of strums?

Listen for sweet music
As a violinist draws her bow,
Don't just sit and watch her
Thinking it's just part of the show.

Watch a seasoned pianist,
Gently move her hands o'er the keys,
Every note she plays in tune
With ability and ease.

Music is for the people
Who love the blended tones,
Not just for those in this country,
But in many other zones.

They all have a different rhythm,
A different tone and pitch,
But to each it is music from heaven
With never a balk or a hitch.

Edna Smith Prince,
Galien

BENNET CERF

Try And Stop Me

There was a hot time in the old town of Caracas, Venezuela, a short while ago. Senior Citizen Bonaldo, a bare 120, took unto himself as a bride Maria Hernandez, a mere 105. Furthermore, Senior Bonaldo freely acknowledged that he had lived with his bride a cool 80 years before deciding to take the plunge. The wedding was well attended, since every one of the couples' 36 great-grandchildren showed up.

The boys in Washington would have you believe that Senator Pong of Hawaii and Senator Spong of Virginia drafted a bill ordaining the bells be rung in Hong Kong when the U.S. ping pong team returned there from their trail-blazing trip to China. The bill was known, of course — before it was lost in the shuffle — as the Spong Pong Ping Pong Hong Kong Ding Dong Bell Bill.

Incidentally, Mrs. Jackie Bogin, who has dreamed for years of boarding a proverbial "slow boat for China," thinks it may



now be possible to arrive there by means of a paddle

Will Rogers once pointed out that he and George Bernard Shaw had one thing in common. "We both know something's wrong with the world and we haven't the faintest idea of how to fix it — but we were both willing to try at so many cents a word!"

DR. COLEMAN

..And Speaking Of Your Health

Are the statistics about venereal disease real or are they meant to scare young people?
Miss E. A. L., Pa.

Dear Miss L.: Let me state emphatically that the statistics on venereal disease are not artificial, but real and terrifying.

More than 2,000,000 cases of gonorrhea were reported in 1970. I say "reported," but many thousands go unreported and untreated.

Imprint this in your mind, Miss L., and spread this information to your friends. Gonorrhea is not "just like a cold." This familiar naive statement is born of ignorance.

The disease, especially when untreated, leaves a path of devastation, of complications in the joints and other parts of the body.

It can cause sterility, especially in the female. More than 100,000 cases of syphilis were reported (I say again, "reported") in 1970.

This disease, when untreated, leaves even greater devastation in its wake, devastation which can be permanent.

Miss L., these statistics are real and should be heeded.

When is cortisone used instead of an antihistamine for an allergy of the nose?

Is there any particular kind of allergy drug that doesn't make you sleepy?

Mrs. W. K. L., Dear Mrs. K.: Cortisone, although a most remarkable substance, is used with caution and only after critical judgment by the physician.



When anti-allergy drugs are not effective, cortisone in small doses may be used to break a cycle of nasal allergy.

Some medical conditions, such as a stomach ulcer, prohibit its use.

When cortisone is used, it is given in gradually reduced amounts until the severity of the nasal allergy is controlled.

In most instances, antihistamine drugs, used consistently and at regular intervals, are effective.

Herein lies a great mistake on the part of some users. Anti-allergy or antihistamine drugs have their maximum value when their concentration builds up in the blood. Therefore, they should be taken three or four times a day, as prescribed. Some long-acting ones can be taken twice a day.

There are dozens of manufacturers of antihistamine drugs. All their products are essentially the same, with slight variations. The drugs may be in pill form, in solution, and in variegated colors, but their contents are almost all alike.

Yet oddly enough, some of these anti-allergy drugs may cause drowsiness in one person while others may not. For this reason doctors will very often shift from one to another to find the ideal combination of effectiveness and absence of drowsiness.

Dr. Lester Coleman has prepared a special booklet for readers of this column, "Alcoholism—A Family Disease." It probes this grave problem and offers hopeful advice. For your copy, send 25 cents in coin and a large, self-addressed, stamped envelope to Lester L. Coleman, M.D., in care of this newspaper. Please mention the booklet by title.

JAY BECKER

Contract Bridge

East dealer.
Neither side vulnerable.

NORTH
♦ A Q J 8
♥ A Q 4
♠ A 8 2
♣ A 6 2

WEST
♥ 7 5 4 3
♦ 9
♠ Q 9 5 4
♣ 10 7 4 3

EAST
♦ 10 6 2
♥ J 10 8 6 5
♠ 6
♣ Q J 9 5

SOUTH
♦ K 9
♥ K 7 3 2
♠ K J 10 7 3
♣ K 8

The bidding:
East Pass South 1NT West Pass North 6NT

Opening lead — three of spades.

This hand was played by Albert Dornier, British star, in the Masters Pair championship. He opened with a notrump (12 to 14), which his partner Derek Rimington raised to six. West led a spade.

Making six was no great problem, but because the extra trick in match point play is highly important, Dornier naturally channeled his thoughts toward making seven.

Accordingly, he won the spade lead with the king and cashed the A-Q of hearts in order to discover how the suit was divided. These plays proved

fruitful when West showed out and discarded a spade.

This made it seem probable that West had more diamonds than East, so Dornier led a diamond to the king and the jack back. When West ducked, Dornier finessed.

The finesse succeeded all right, but East showed out. So even though he had guessed the finesse correctly, Dornier still had only twelve sure tricks. However, he now proceeded to squeeze out a thirteenth after cashing the ace of diamonds and A-Q of spades to produce this position:

North
♦ J
♥ A 6 2

West
♦ Q
♠ 10 7 4 3

South
♦ K 7
♥ 10
♠ K 8

East
♦ J 10
♠ Q J 8

Dornier cashed dummy's spade, forcing East to part with a club, and then, having no further use for the seven of hearts, he discarded it as West threw a club.

When declarer now played a heart to the king, it became West's turn to feel the pinch. He could not spare the queen of diamonds, so he discarded a club, and this in turn permitted Dornier to cash the K-A-6 of clubs.

RUTH RAMSEY

Today's Grab Bag

THE ANSWER QUICK!

1 — What English king was succeeded by a son and two daughters?

2 — What English admiral is famous for destruction of the Spanish Armada?

3 — Who was Charles Stewart Parnell?

4 — The Industrial Revolution began in England at the close of the 17th century. True or false?

5 — Who was the King of Jerusalem at the time of the birth of Jesus?

BORN TODAY

One of the finest portrait painters of the 17th century, Harmenszoon van Rijn Rembrandt belongs to that class of great talents whose works fell into disfavor during their lifetime, but attain the well-deserved honor they merit in the years to come.

Born in Leyden, he settled in Amsterdam in 1631 and quickly established himself as the city's finest portrait painter.

His wife died in 1642, leaving him a considerable fortune, but his popularity declined as his art veered off from the plateau of popular taste.

He sank into financial difficulties and declared bankruptcy in

1656, followed by the sale of his property, including his art collection.

The range of his talent was far and wide. He painted numerous portraits, both of individuals and of groups, and he is well known for his lively "Night Watch" or "Sortie of the Banning Cock Company" in 1642.

Looking inward, he turned out splendid self-portraits in which he recorded the alteration of his features with integrity and nobility.

He transfixed reality through harmony of color, light and shadow. In many of his paintings a concentrated light falls on the central figure while the rest of the picture remains enveloped in dark but transparent shadows.

As one critic put it, "Cool at first, this lighting gradually grew softer, the technique freer and simpler, until it became the mellowing glow typified by the golden brown of his mature years."

HOW'D YOU MAKE OUT?
1 — Henry VIII, father of Edward VI, Mary and Elizabeth.

2 — Sir Francis Drake.

3 — An Irish member of Parliament who was active in the interests of Ireland.

4 — False. It was the close of the 18th century.

5 — Herod.

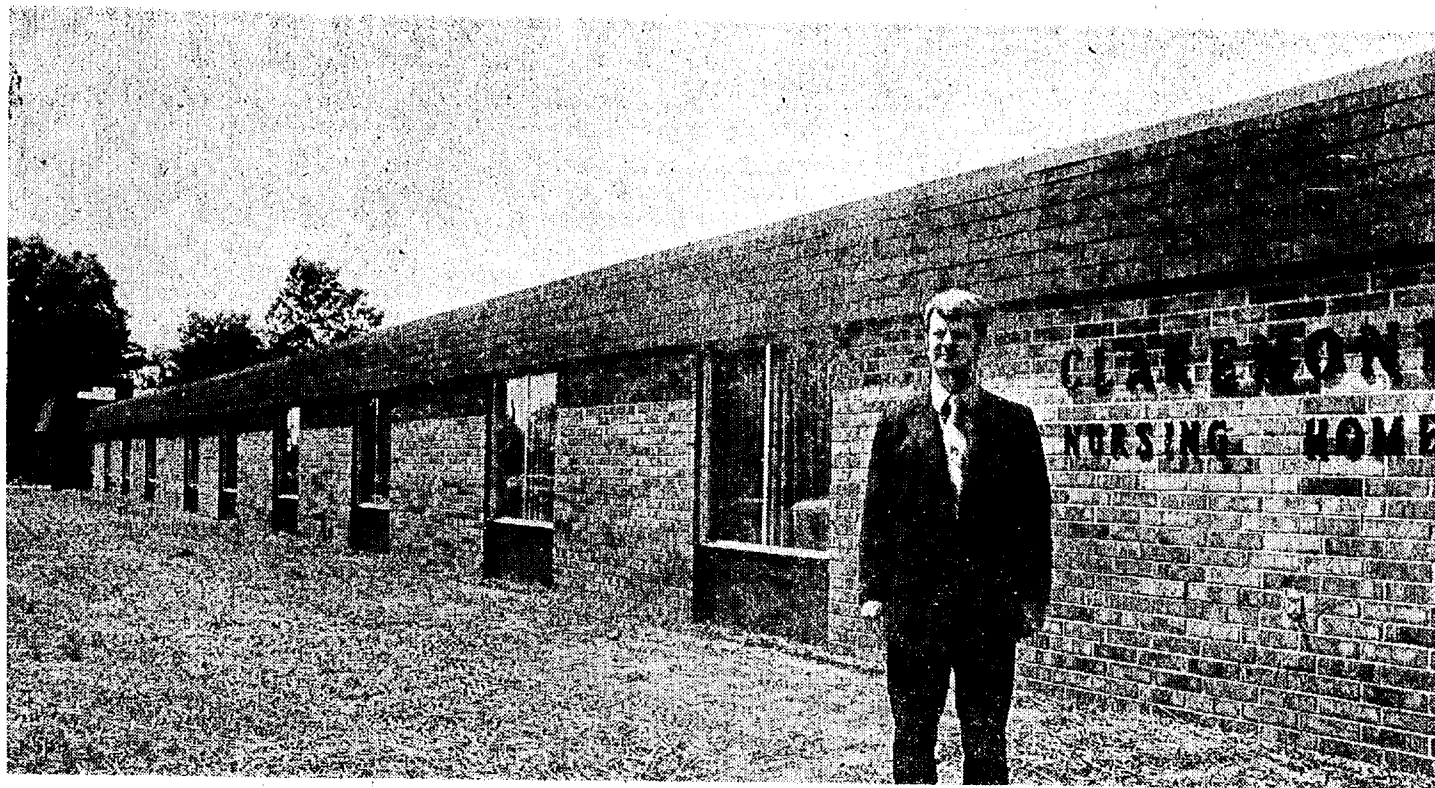
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CLAREMONT NURSING HOME: Robert McNabb, administrator, stands outside the new \$700,000 Claremont nursing home which officially opens its doors this weekend at 1385 East Empire

avenue in Benton township. The facility is built around a central courtyard and has a 122-bed capacity.

Woman Found Tied, Badly Hurt



MICHAEL D. RICHTER
accused of attack

A 27-year-old Kansas woman, found in a suburban St. Joseph township home Wednesday with her hands tied and her skull fractured, was reported in serious condition in the intensive care unit at St. Joseph Memorial hospital this morning.

Michael Dean Richter, 24, of 1949 Brown School road, St. Joseph township, was arrested by sheriff's officers on a charge of attempted murder of Martha Coker of Hutchinson, Kansas. Richter was arraigned before Judge John T. Hammond in Fifth district court and demanded preliminary examination. Bail was set at \$25,000 and the suspect was remanded to the county jail when he was unable to post bond.

POLICE CALLED

Sheriff's officers said Richter called them to his home about 10 a.m. Wednesday and told them he had assaulted the woman.

Police found the woman, with her hands tied and head bleeding, in Richter's bathroom. They said the assault, however, may have taken place in the living room, where they found traces of blood.

Richter told police he met the victim at a New Buffalo gas station, where he works, shortly after midnight Wednesday morning and brought her to his home.

Police said they confiscated a metal pipe, 10 inches long, found in Richter's home and believed to be the weapon used in the assault.

Memorial hospital said the victim's skull and upper spine were fractured and that she suffered multiple scalp lacerations.

Public Invited

Benton Nursing Home Will Open Doors Friday

The Claremont Nursing home at 1385 East Empire avenue in Benton township will officially open its doors Friday during ribbon cutting ceremonies scheduled for 1 p.m., according to Robert McNabb, administrator.

McNabb said area doctors are invited to visit the nursing home on Friday, and an open house for the general public will be held Saturday and Sunday from 11 a.m. to 7 p.m.

Claremont is part of a chain of four nursing facilities operated by the Videre Corp. of Grand Rapids. The other nursing homes are located in Big Rapids, Ludington and Grand Haven.

The new nursing home has 122 beds in 70 private and semi-private rooms. The cost of the building was \$375,000, with equipment and furnishings inside making the total cost about \$700,000, McNabb said.

He described the facility as a skilled nursing home for long

term care, open to all races, creeds and colors.

Claremont will have a staff of 100 employees, including a registered nurse, license practical nurses, a dietitian and a medical consultant.

The building has four corridors with two nursing stations and a large enclosed courtyard in the center with walkways. Two day rooms have color televisions and provide patients with a recreational area.

Prior to assuming the position of administrator at Claremont, McNabb worked for two years with the Department of Social Services in this area. He was a family service worker and also headed an experimental job program authorized by the state legislature to test which jobs could be developed for people on welfare roles. McNabb resides in Watervliet, and is the son of Mrs. A. A. McNabb and the late Dr. A. A. McNabb of Watervliet.



DAY ROOM: Patients at Claremont nursing home will have two day room recreational areas which have sliding glass doors looking out onto an en-

closed courtyard. A public open house is scheduled Saturday and Sunday. (Staff photos)

F&M Bank Will Double Frontage At Headquarters

The Farmers & Merchants National bank expects to double its West Main street frontage in downtown Benton Harbor within the next few weeks.

The bank's central office at 94 West Main, flanked by its installment loan department and trust division, measures 100 feet wide.

On June 1 the F&M acquired an adjoining 33 feet westerly toward Colfax avenue from a former Benton Harbor resident now living in Chicago, Mrs. Nanette Newland Seidner.

FINAL PAPERWORK

It has a contract to purchase the Israelite House of David building at the corner of Colfax and Main upon which the final paperwork is nearing completion. The structure fronts 67 feet on Main street.

All of the properties run 125 feet deep southward to the alley.

Richard E. Willard, president, said the F&M has no present plans for the two properties, except probably their early demolition.

"We bought them since their coming to the market lately simply to allow the leeway for possible changes in our operation and our present quarters.

"A customer parking lot could be a fairly quick use. However, we expect to have some engineering and design studies drawn to indicate other possibilities for us," he explained.

One delay even for demolition could be the tenancy of Midwest News, immediately west from the F&M's trust department.

It is the only occupancy of the four places on the ground level previously rented out of the two properties.

Midwest leased the space for three years from Mrs. Seidner on Feb. 16, 1970 and opened for business on the ensuing February 20th.

The Benton Harbor police department raided the premises, confiscated a sizeable portion of its merchandise and arrested its then operator, William K. Palmer, under a city ordinance characterizing the operation as a pornography shop.

Although Circuit Judge

Clerk Held In Theft At Dairy Queen

An 18-year-old girl clerk at the Dairy Queen stand, 873 Pipestone street, Benton Harbor who last week reported she was robbed of \$157 at gunpoint, was arrested by Benton Harbor police Wednesday afternoon.

Susan Shirley McGee, 18, of 834 Edgumbe avenue, Benton Harbor, was charged with conspiracy to commit larceny.

Police said the arrest followed an investigation that developed discrepancies in statements the girl had given officers about the July 8 robbery.

Miss McGee reported last Thursday afternoon she went to the rear door of the stand to lock it and found a man seated in a chair inside the building with a gun pointed at her. She said he handed her a brown bag and told her to put the money from the cash register in the bag. The amount of money taken was reported at the time at \$157.

Chester J. Byrns upheld the confiscation, Palmer subsequently obtained a federal district court order declaring the ordinance to be an unconstitutional infringement upon freedom of expression. Still pending in federal court is his \$39,000 damage suit claiming false arrest against

the city and its principal officials.

The F&M makes no secret of its desire for Midwest to find other quarters so it can proceed to clear the ground.

The House of David already has notified the renters in the second and third floors of its building to vacate.



MIGHTY OAK CUT DOWN: Fred L. Granger, Sr., originator of the idea that gave rise to Southwestern Michigan's Blossom Festival, stands in his front yard beside mighty white oak being cut down in connection with widening of Napier avenue between Colfax and M-139 in Fairplain, Benton Harbor suburb. Granger, a retired fruit processor, says the tree was nearly 100 years old with a 3 1/2 to 4-foot trunk. "They didn't have to cut that tree down," he protested to photographer. "It was in perfect condition. I just can't figure out why they did it." Berrien County Road Commission is in charge of widening project. (Staff photo)

Naturalist Hired For Grand Mere

The Grande Mere Association has hired Max Medley of Berrien Springs as a full-time nature guide and naturalist for the 22-acre preserve located just south of town.

Don Galloway, president of the association, announced that Medley's services have been secured on a regular basis for field trips, ecological studies, plant labeling, and trail maintenance in the preserve. Galloway said Medley "is most knowledgeable about plant material in the preserve and about its ecological significance."

LEADING FIGHT

Medley has been working to complete a degree in botany at Andrews university, and is co-teaching a course on plant habitats and ecological outlook at the Sarell nature center. He previously worked at the Fernwood preserve in Niles, giving field trips, planting, and

compiling lists of plant material in the area. He had been doing scientific studies in the Grand Mere area for years.

The Grand Mere association was organized in 1965 and has led the fight to prevent Grande Mere from being developed. The area consists of 1,200 acres lying west of I-94 at Stevensville, and last week Gov. William Milliken signed a \$350,000 bill to purchase some 400 acres of the land.

Medley will conduct field trips for youth, school and conservation groups and for any interested individuals every Thursday.

Countersuit Filed In Sewer Fight

The County of Berrien replied Wednesday to a lawsuit by the contractor on an unfinished \$1.5 million St. Joseph suburban sewer line with a claim of its own against the contractor for money damages.

The county's counterclaim for unnamed sums follows the filing of suit in Berrien circuit court May 20 by Yerington & Harris, Inc., of Benton Harbor. The contractor had asked \$260,000 damages for alleged misinformation about adverse soil conditions along the route of Hickory creek sewer interceptor south of St. Joseph.

The contractor named the county, and the county public works board engineers, Ayres, Lewis, Norris & May of Ann

Arbor, as defendants.

In an answer filed in circuit court Wednesday, the county denied the contractor's claims, alleged the contractor has breached his contract, and by counterclaim seeks damages representing the cost of finishing the incomplete sewer line over and above the Yerington & Harris original contract for \$1,560,726.41.

It also seeks unstated damages for costs incidental to obtaining the sewer line's completion and unstated damages for the loss of any state-federal funds that might develop, among others.

Both the county and the engineers claim any damage Yerington & Harris may have suffered is the contractor's own

fault for allegedly failing to comply with the terms of the contract and to investigate worksite conditions.

The contractor walked off the seven-mile-long suburban sewer line job April 3 and later filed suit claiming the contractor was misinformed about adverse soil conditions that made construction more expensive and difficult than expected.

Construction has been stalled since April 9 with some 15 per cent reported finished. Meanwhile, the county public works board has advertised for a new contractor and will take construction bids to finish the job Aug. 3 at 2 p.m. in the county courthouse, St. Joseph, said Thomas Sinn, Berrien planning director.

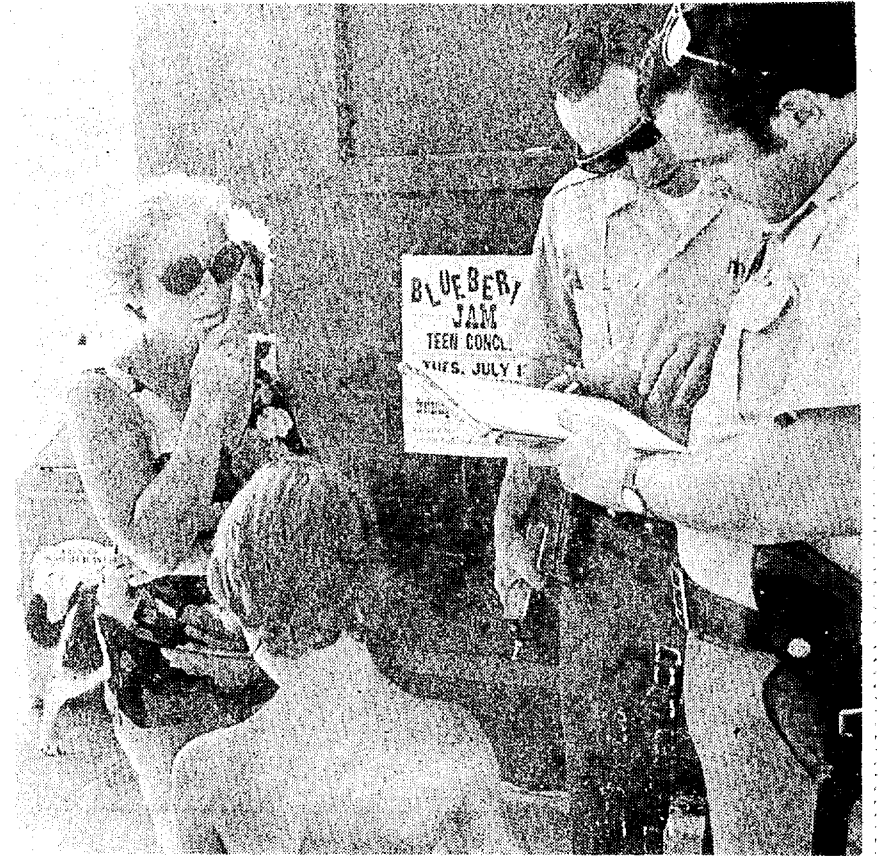


ONE DROWNS, ONE SURVIVES: Rescue workers (left) unsuccessfully try to revive Eugene Grant Jr., 8, Robbins, Ill., who drowned Wednesday afternoon near South Haven's north beach. The youngster, son of Mr. and Mrs. Eugene Grant, was with a companion about 100 feet offshore when a wave

apparently knocked them under the water. The companion, John Reitman, 7, Rockford, Ill., was rescued by Mrs. Eve Schwartz, being interviewed (right) by officers. Mrs. Schwartz told officers she could not locate the Grant youngster. According to police, Mrs. Schwartz and her granddaughter, Audrey

Martin, upper right of first picture, heard calls for help and while Mrs. Schwartz went into water, Miss Martin went to notify police. Body of Grant youngster was located on sandbar about 15 minutes later by another bather, Bill Walsh, of 77th street, South Haven, in background. Police said they were

Summer Tragedy At South Haven



told the Grant youngster could not swim and that both he and Reitman had been told to stay out of water while adults were away. According to police, drowning occurred in water away from city beach area. Victim's father is police officer in Robbins, Ill. (Tom Renner photos)

Track Ruling Is Appealed Again

By TOM RENNER
South Haven Correspondent

order by Van Buren Circuit Court Judge David Anderson that it re-consider issuing a license for a proposed pari-mutuel horse track in South Haven township.

Frank Kelley filed the claim of appeal Tuesday on behalf of State Racing Commissioner Leo Shirley in response to Judge Anderson's June 2 order that the South Haven Racing association's license

request be re-evaluated.

REASON NOT GIVEN

Judge Anderson had ordered reconsideration of the license application because "the commissioner did not assign proper reasons for the denial, according to the rules set up by state statute."

Shirley, when rejecting the license application in April, said that he was approving extended seasons at Michigan's existing tracks instead of authorizing construction of new facilities.

Ray Barrett, attorney for the South Haven group, contended that Shirley's action was arbitrary and an abuse of the authority of the office.

Judge Anderson cannot or-

der the racing commission to issue a license, but according to law he could insist on another review.

During their circuit court appearance last May the Assistant State Attorney General representing the Racing Commission contended that the South Haven group failed to file a complete license application.

But Judge Anderson ruled that the letter of rejection pointed only to the policy of extending current racing seasons and no other reasons.

WANT ASSURANCE

The South Haven group, composed of restaurant owner Abe Ashen and a Kalamazoo couple, Mrs. and Mrs. Paul Beebe, have insisted that they

aren't about to spend large amounts of money for feasibility studies without some assurance that their license application will be considered on its merits.

The Racing Commissioner simultaneously rejected license applications for two proposed tracks in the Flint area when acting on the South Haven project. Each of the Flint groups reportedly spent in excess of \$100,000 in preparing their applications.

The South Haven track has been proposed for a tract near 15th avenue and M-140. The race track, estimated to cost more than \$1 million, would be constructed to accommodate both thoroughbred and harness racing.

Galien Women Are Charged In \$9 Robbery

NEW BUFFALO — Judy Brcka, 21, and Sandra Shedrow, 21, both of Galien, were held overnight in the Berrien county jail on warrants charging them with the unarmed robbery of two Union Pier boys Monday night.

The women were arrested in a car in Galien township by state troopers from New Buffalo post and a deputy sheriff. The warrants were authorized by the county prosecutor's office.

Ronald James Bonee, and Richard Knoll, both 14, told police they were robbed of \$9 late Monday night when they accepted a ride from four strangers near Union Pier.

Richard Allen Payne, 22, of Three Oaks, arrested earlier in connection with the same incident, demanded examination during arraignment yesterday in Fifth District court on a charge of unarmed robbery. State police are continuing their investigation.

South Haven Swings

Big Blueberry Festival Plans Busy Windup

SOUTH HAVEN — Blueberries will step to the forefront the next two days here as the National Blueberry festival enters its final weekend of activity.

Tonight more than 100 boys and girls will dig into blueberry pies in the annual pie eating contest sponsored by the South Haven Jaycees. The contest will begin at 6:30 p.m. at Ratcliffe field.

Immediately following there will be a donkey baseball game between teams from the South Haven Rubber Co. and Bohn Aluminum and Brass Co.

On Friday, members of Am-

erican Legion Post 55 will serve pancakes — regular and with blueberries — at the Post home on Michigan avenue beginning at 7 a.m.

The South Haven Golf club will sponsor an invitational women's tournament Friday.

Tickets are available for the adult dance Saturday night at the Red Carpet restaurant. Dance music will be provided by a band beginning at 9 p.m. with a buffet scheduled for midnight. The dance will be limited to 100 couples and tickets are available at the Macdonald Drug store, South Haven Rexall drugs, the Red

Carpet restaurant and radio station WJOR.

Applications are still being accepted for Saturday's bathtub and anything that floats races as well as the canoe competition. The races begin at 2 p.m. on the Black river and entries will be accepted prior to the competition.

Festival events chairman Richard Pisarski reported there are 50 entries from throughout the Midwest for Sunday's nationally-sanctioned power boat races which will be held on the Black river. Pisarski reminded boaters that the Coast Guard has approved closing the Black river to traffic between 10:30 a.m. and 6:30 p.m. He said that the river will be opened periodically to allow boaters to move through the area.

DANK Plans Annual Picnic For Saturday

The German-American National Congress (D.A.N.C.) will hold its annual picnic Saturday, starting at 3 p.m. at the Deutsches Haus, 2651 Pipestone road. In the evening, the picnic will be followed by a dance. It was also announced that a summer dance is scheduled at the clubhouse on Aug. 14.

Killed In Crash

JACKSON, Mich. (AP) — Richard Flint, 21, rural Jackson County, was killed Wednesday when his truck went out of control, struck a rock and a tree and burst into flames.

Traffic Deaths

July 15 State Police count
This year 1,013
Last year 1,112

Tom Mellon Heads UF Directors



TOM MELLON

SOUTH HAVEN — Tom Mellon has been elected president of the board of directors of the South Haven United Fund for 1973-74.

Other new officers include Tom Newton, vice president; Rev. William Torrey, secretary; and Clarence Teske, treasurer.

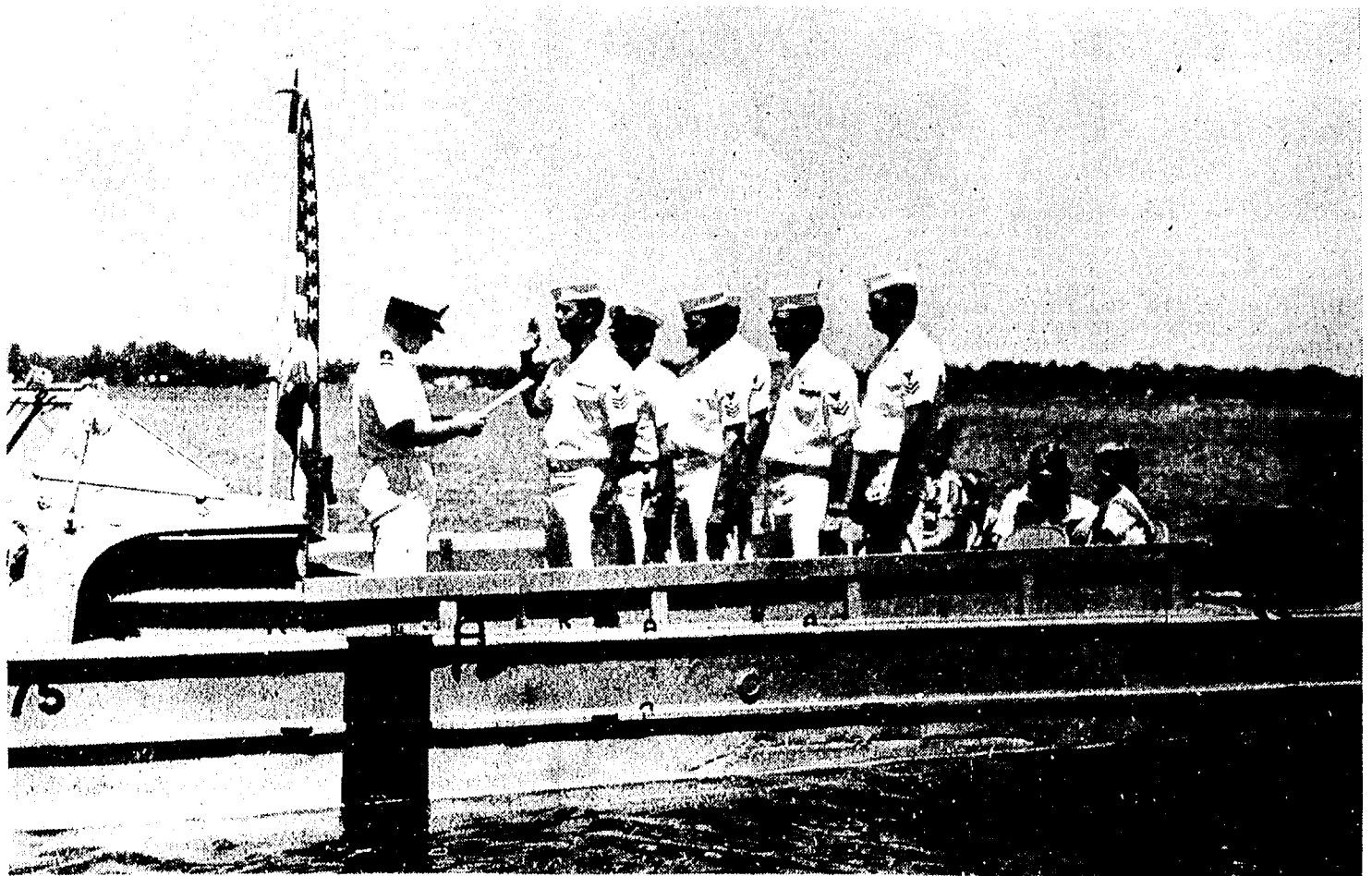
Mellon, an insurance and investment representative served as chairman for the 1969 South Haven United Fund drive in which a record \$34,250 was raised.

He is on the board of directors of the Southwestern Michigan Life Underwriters association, is a member of the South Haven Kiwanis club and is a past president of the South Haven Jaycees.

Mellon and his wife Pat and their children Lisa and Christy reside at 315 Pearl street. Recently elected to three year

terms on the board of directors were Tom Sawyer, 722 Hiways avenue; Clarence Teske, 1063 Court place; and Albert Wilmer, Delaware court.

Continuing on the board of directors in addition to the newly elected members and officers are Tom Renner, Joe Monacelli, and Leonard Markstrom.



SWORN IN AT "SEA": An unusual re-enlistment ceremony was conducted on Paw Paw lake Wednesday by Navy officials using the Naval Reserve's amphibious vehicle, known as a "duck." A 16-year veteran of the Navy, First Class Yeoman LaVern Siegel re-enlisted for another four years in the service. Siegel is stationed at the Benton Harbor Naval Reserve center as the

station keeper. Administering the oath is Lieutenant Junior Gode, Gary Callendar, (left) Naval Air station, Corpus Christi, Texas, formerly of Riverside. Siegel is standing before Callendar, while his fellow Navy workers observe the ceremony. (Cliff Stevens photo)